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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION CHARGES KIM ABDUCTION VIOLATES JAPAN'S
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SUMMARY: UPPER HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 23 AS
DIET PROCEEDINGS RETURNED TO NORMAL. KIM TAE-CHUNG ABDUCTION
FROM JAPAN WAS SOLE FOCUS OF INTEREST, WITH OPPOSITION INSISTING
THAT KIDNAPPING CONSTITUTED VIOLATION OF JAPAN'S
SOVEREIGNTY. JUSTIC MINISTER TANAKA HEWED TO LINE THAT
IT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR HIM TO SPECIFY AT THIS TAGE THAT
INTELLIGENCE AGENTS OF QTE A CERTAIN COUNTRY UNQTE MIGHT HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED IN CASE. END SUMMARY.

1. HIDEO DEN (JSP) CHARGED THAT KIDNAPPING VIOLATED JAPAN'S
SOVEREIGNTY. JUSTIC MINISTER ISAJI TANAKA TEMPORIZED
WITH RESPONSE THAT IT DIFFICULT AT PRESENT TO TELL WHETHER
JAPAN'S SOVEREIGNTY VIOLATED. HE AGREED THAT INVOLVEMENT
OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN CASE WOULD, IF PROVEN, CONSTITUTE
SUCH VIOLATION, BUT POINTED OUT THAT PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE
FOREIGN CITIZENS WOULD NOT. FUTURE INVESTIGATION, HE CONCLUDED,
WOULD REVEAL WHETHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AGENCY HAD, IN
FACT, PLAYED SUCH ROLE. DEN ALSO NOTED STRONG SUSPICION
THAT ROK INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAD PLAYED ROLE IN KIDNAPPING AND
CITED CASES OF NATURALIZED JAPANESE FROM KOREA WHO HAVE BEEN
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HARASSED BY ROK INTELLIGENCE AGENTS IN JAPAN.

2. IN RESPONSE TO TSUTOMU HOSHINO (JCP) MINJUSTICE SAID THAT GOJ WOULD PERSIST IN DEMAND THAT ROK ALLOW KIM TAE-CHUNG TO RETURN TO JAPAN, AS WELL AS YANG IL-DONG (PRESIDENT, DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY) AND KIM KYUNG-IN (DUP MEMBER), BOTH OF WHOM WERE WITH KIM JUST PRIOR TO KIDNAPPING. MINJUSTICE STRESSED THAT ROK SHOULD COOPERATE WITH GOJ TO FACILITATE FULL INVESTIGATION OF KIM CASE BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

3. MRS. SHIZURO SASAKI (JSP) CHARGED THAT KIM WAS KIDNAPPED FROM TOKYO LETEL IN BROAD DAYLIGHT AND RETURNED FORCIBLY TO ROK, WHICH RAISES SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR JAPAN. MINJUSTICE SAID THAT KIM MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF JAPAN FROM POINT OTHER THAN 126 PORTS AND HARBORS DESIGNATED FOR LEGAL EXIT UNDER IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION ORDINANCE, ADDING THAT MINISTRY HAS NO EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREVENTING SUCH EXIT SINCE JAPAN IS OPEN TO SEA ON ALL SIDES.

4. LOWER HOUSE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUDICIARY, LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO CONCENTRATE QUESTIONS ON WIDE RANGE OF IMPLICATIONS OF KIM ABDUCTION IN SESSIONS SCHEDULED TO MEET AUGUST 24, INCLUDING GOJ EXIT-ENTRY CONTROLS, PASSPORTS, DEFECTION PROCEDURES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, JAPAN'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR ROK.

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